

Initial Entry Training (IET) Quiz – Military Courtesies and Customs
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Multiple Choice: Write the letter of the BEST answer on the line to the left of each question.

1. ____ Military Customs includes ALL of the following EXCEPT:
 - A. Never criticize the VDF or a leader in public.
 - B. Never jump the chain of command.
 - C. Never offer excuses.
 - D. Never appear in uniform while under the influence of alcohol.
 - E. Never tell a superior that you do not know the answer to a question – always provide an answer even if it turns out to be wrong.

2. ____ Regarding the hand salute, which of these is TRUE:
 - A. Military authority requires the superior officer to salute first.
 - B. Etiquette requires the junior to extend the salute first.
 - C. The salute is not prescribed by regulation but is a courtesy.
 - D. VDF soldiers must remove their hats when saluting.
 - E. The salute is a gesture of authority.

3. ____ All of the following are examples of Military Customs EXCEPT:
 - A. Never turn and walk away to avoid giving the hand salute.
 - B. Never answer a direct question with “I don't know” – always provide an answer to the best of your ability.
 - C. Never run indoors or pretend you don't hear (while driving, for example) to avoid standing “Reveille” or “Retreat.”
 - D. Never appear in uniform while under the influence of alcohol.

4. ____ The hand salute is:
 - A. Always initiated by the senior officer and always returned by the junior
 - B. Always required when reporting to an officer
 - C. Always extended to the Inspector General of the United States
 - D. Always required, whether indoors or outdoors
 - E. Always required even when the senior or junior is wearing civilian clothes

5. ____ All of the following are correct Military Courtesies EXCEPT:
 - A. When talking to an officer of superior rank, stand at attention until ordered otherwise.
 - B. When you are dismissed, or when the officer departs, come to attention and salute.
 - C. When speaking to or being addressed by an NCO of superior rank, stand at attention until ordered otherwise.

- D. When an officer of superior rank enters a room, the first soldier to recognize the officer calls personnel in the room to attention
- E. When an NCO of superior rank enters the room, the first soldier to recognize the NCO calls the room to "At ease"

6. ____ All of the following are correct Military Courtesies EXCEPT:
- A. Walk on the left of an officer or NCO of superior rank
 - B. The junior ranking soldier is the first to enter a vehicle and the senior in rank is first to exit
 - C. When outdoors, greet the NCO by rank, e.g., "Good morning, Sergeant"
 - D. First person seeing an officer enter a dining facility gives the order "Attention," unless a more senior officer is already present
 - E. When command "At ease" is given in a dining facility, remain seated, silent and continue eating unless directed otherwise.
7. ____ When you report to an officer of superior rank:
- A. Stop about six steps away, assume position of parade rest, wait to be saluted, go to position of attention, salute, and say, for example, "Sir, Private Smith reports."
 - B. Stop about six steps away, assume position of attention, and wait to be recognized.
 - C. Stop about two steps away, assume position of attention, wait for the officer to salute you, salute, and say, for example, "Sir, Private Smith reports."
 - D. Stop about six steps away, assume position of attention, salute, and say, for example, "Sir, Private Smith reports."
 - E. Stop about two steps away, assume position of attention, salute, and say, for example, "Sir, Private Smith reports."
8. ____ The proper order of events during "Retreat" is:
- A. Come to attention for "Retreat" and then salute at "To the Colors."
 - B. Come to attention for "To the Colors" and then salute at "Retreat."
 - C. Salute at "To the Colors" and then stay at attention "Retreat."
 - D. Salute at "Retreat" and then stay at attention for "To the Colors."
9. ____ At the first note of "To the Color," you should:
- A. Face flag and stand at attention
 - B. Face flag and salute.
 - C. Face flag and stand at parade rest.
 - D. Run indoors.
10. ____ When you are passing the Colors outdoors, you are unencumbered, and you are not under the command of an OIC or NCOIC:
- A. Within six paces of the colors, turn head in the direction of the colors, and render hand salute until six paces past the Colors.
 - B. Within six paces of the colors, keep looking forward so you do not stumble, and render hand salute until six paces past the Colors.
 - C. Within four paces of the colors, turn head in the direction of the colors, and render hand salute until four paces past the Colors.
 - D. You do not need to render salute when you are outdoors.

True or False: Mark "T" for true and "F" for false on line provided to the left of each statement.

11. ____ TRUE or FALSE: A custom is an established practice that include positive actions (things you do) and taboos (things you avoid.)

12. ____ TRUE or FALSE: Military courtesy means good manners and politeness in dealing with other people

13. ____ TRUE or FALSE: Enlisted personnel are expected to be courteous to officers but officers are not required to return the courtesy.

14. ____ TRUE or FALSE: When the flag is raised in the morning, stand at attention on the first note of "Reveille" and salute.